



Dear Parents, Friends and Guardians

Retention of Children for a School Year

Over the last few years we, as a Leadership Team, have been debating over the issue of retaining children from one year to the next. We have also consulted with our leadership and other relevant departments within Brisbane Catholic Education. There is now considerable research available on the outcomes of retention (repeating) a child in schools. The following findings have been consistently reported. The overwhelming evidence suggests that the majority of children who repeat a grade, or who are delayed entrance to school, do not necessarily do better as a result. Although some children do appear to benefit, there is no agreement on factors that are predictive of successful outcomes resulting from retention. Some of the main points in relation to retention and its worth are outlined below.

- Late birthdate children who are retained or kept out of school for an extra year initially may do better on academic measures, but these differences tend to disappear over time. In general, differences in achievement related to age tend to disappear by middle school.
- Children retained at the pre-school level generally have multiple needs indicating that specific intervention is required, rather than 'more of the same'.
- The negative outcomes of repeating are not confined to academic areas. Studies reporting on measures of social adjustment, emotional adjustment, behaviour and self-concept, all indicate that repeating is not helpful in these areas. These outcomes are consistent across all grade levels.
- Many studies show that children's own attitudes towards retention are negative. They typically report that they feel they have failed and have a sense of shame and embarrassment. There is also some evidence to show that learned helplessness may be an outcome for some children.
- Follow-up studies of high school students who have been retained indicate that they generally score lower on achievement measures, are more often absent from school, present with difficulties in the areas of self-concept, peer acceptance, personal adjustment and are more at risk of dropping out of high school.

It is with this evidence in mind, and following advice from Brisbane Catholic Education Office, we have decided that in the absence of a written letter of recommendation from a specialist such as a psychologist or psychiatrist currently working with a child, that from this year, at Marymount Primary, we will not support the practice of retention.

Should you wish to read of more studies or evidence to support our decision, please see your child's class teacher who can organise for this information to be sent home to you. If this was something which you had been considering for your child for next year I would ask that you also consult with your class teacher or with staff from our Learning Enhancement Centre.

P- 2 Athletics Carnival – Thursday, 27 August

As mentioned last week, our annual fun Athletics day for our Prep to Year 2 children is being held on our main ovals tomorrow. We will start with a March Past at 9.00am and then move into various rotations on either side of Morning Tea. Our parents are most welcome to join us for the morning and to help cheer the children along. Many thanks to Leigh Yates, our Junior PE teacher, for her co-ordination of the day and thanks as well to our P – 2 staff for their running of the games. The carnival should be finished by 12.00pm and parents may take their children home at this time if they wish. If doing this, I would ask that you please see your child's class teacher at the oval to sign them out. Good luck to all for the day.

Gold Coast Eisteddfod

Next Tuesday, 1 September, three of our classes will be participating in the annual Gold Coast Eisteddfod. Two of our Prep classes (Therese Hocking and Vanessa Munro) and Deb McKean-Nunan's Year One class will travel to the Arts Centre at Bundall for their respective sections on Tuesday morning. They are performing in the Verse Speaking section. The children and staff have been practising diligently and they performed last week in front of the school at assembly so we hope that they can do themselves and their classes proud for the actual day. To be a part of this type of event is very exciting for the children and they learn many things along the way; teamwork and working in unison being a few of the main challenges for them. It is also quite daunting for children of this age to go on to the big stage and the Arts Centre complex in itself is a thrilling encounter with its back rooms and tiered seating. I would like to congratulate our staff – Therese and Angie, Vanessa and Angela and Deb for taking on these challenges. Parents are most welcome to go to the Arts Centre for their performances and tickets can be purchased at the door on the morning of the event. Good luck to these little performers.

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Coming Events

Thursday August 27
Prep-Yr 2 - Athletics Carnival

Friday August 28
Gold Coast Show Holiday

Tuesday September 1
Yr 4R - Bike Centre
Class Liturgies - 2Y, 1M & 1A

Wednesday September 2
2A - Whole School Assembly
5R - Ozanam Villa Mass
5.00pm - Prep Father's Night

Thursday September 3
Catholic Athletics - Pizzey Park
Catholic Ballgames - St Kevin's
Writer's Group - Writing Festival
Class Liturgies - OM, OS & OY

Friday September 4
9.15 - Marymount Day Liturgy

Marymount Day
Liturgy
Next Friday
September 4
All Welcome

**GOLD COAST SHOW
HOLIDAY**

FRIDAY 28 AUGUST
School & Outside
School Hours Care
will be CLOSED

Mass Times

Children Mass
(Doyle Centre - children read at Mass)
5.30pm 1st Sunday each month

Children's Liturgy of the Word
(Doyle Centre - children are withdrawn for brief lesson)
10.00am 2nd & 4th Sundays;
5.30pm 3rd Sunday
8.30am each Sunday (school term),
at St Benedict's, Mudgeeraba

Parish Mass Times
Sat—5.00pm Miami;
6.00pm at Palm Beach;
6.15pm at Burleigh Heads;
Sun-7.00am at Palm Beach &
Burleigh;
8.30am at Mudgeeraba & Miami;
10.00am at Doyle Centre;
5.30pm at Doyle Centre

Catholic Athletics & Ball Games Carnivals – Thursday 3 September

These two exciting annual carnivals are scheduled to be held next Thursday at Pizzey Park (Athletics) and St Kevin's Catholic School, Benowa (Ball Games). The Athletics squad (8 – 12 years) has been chosen following our recent Marymount carnivals in Track and Field and notes for these competitors have been sent home. The children for our Ball Games teams have been selected from each of our year levels from Years One to Six following trials with their teachers. All of the teams and our Athletics squad have been training solidly over the last few weeks in their efforts to fine-tune their skills for the day. We have performed quite well in both of these carnivals over the last few years and this has been as a result of the efforts of the children and our staff. My best wishes go to all of our team members and our support staff for the two carnivals. Once again our parents are most welcome to go along to these days and cheer our Marymount children on.

Staff Changes

As mentioned previously in our newsletter, I will be taking time off from Marymount from Monday of next week until Monday 12 October. In this time I will be taking on the role of Acting Area Supervisor within Brisbane Catholic Education. I will have the responsibility of the Gold Coast cluster of schools so I'm not going too far. In this time away Annette O'Shea will take on the Acting Principal role. Annette has done this role on many occasions across a number of schools on the Gold Coast and she brings a vast experience with her. We are delighted to announce that Debbie Cronin, one of our Year Five teachers, will move into Annette's position and she will take up the Acting Assistant Principal placement for the next six weeks. Debbie has also taken on similar roles in schools across the Coast. She has previously filled a similar role here a number of years ago. Debbie also brings a wealth of experience and wisdom to the role. I would like to thank Andrea Bedward for coming on board as our Year Five teacher. Andrea is also well known to our school community as she has taught across all year levels over the last decade and more. I am sure that you will make Annette, Deb and Andrea feel welcome during their time in these new roles.

Thanks for reading this week, I look forward to meeting up again in mid-October. I hope that the coming holidays are an exciting time for you all and that this beautiful 'Winter' weather turns into even better 'Spring' weather.

Yours in Christ

Greg Casey

From our Assistant Principal

Tony Barron



Car Park

Work on the development of our new car park and set-down project has commenced. Contractors are already on site and have begun setting up their building zones and safety fences. We met with the Contractors on Monday. We are hoping to have an up to date site map for parents by the end of the week.

Please note that there will be some disruption to this area over the next few months. As of Monday 31 August the internal road by the oval will be closed for 5 weeks (Blue metal gate). This means that there will be no access or parking in this area until after the September holidays.

Work will commence firstly on the new internal road and temporary parking area. During the school holidays, there will be a number of changes to the Main carpark and Bus area also.

This is exciting news for our two schools as it is a major way for us to reduce the risk factor for children coming on to and leaving our schools. Obviously there will be some pain during the construction time and I ask for your patience with this as the end goal is a better and safer system for all.

Thanks

Tony Barron

URGENT ASSISTANCE NEEDED

New Caledonian Visitors

During the last week of this term, (September 14th to 18th) 34 students aged 10 - 12 years old will be visiting the Gold Coast from Sacre-Couer Primary School, Noumea, New Caledonia.

We need around 18-20 host families for this exciting visit. If you are able to host some of these students (from Monday afternoon until Friday morning), please complete the form included with this newsletter and return it to your child's teacher or the office **as soon as possible**.

Once we have matched families with students, I will forward home an information package to you. The students are very excited and are looking forward to visiting and staying on the Gold Coast.

Marymount Day - Friday September 4

Marymount Day is Friday September 4th. All parents and friends of Marymount are invited to celebrate our liturgy with us. It will commence at 9:15 in the Doyle Centre. Please remember to donate non-perishable items to our annual appeal. Every class has a basket to fill. Listed below are the suggested items for each year level. If you are able to donate any of these please send them in with your child. (Any non-perishable items will be gratefully accepted.)

- Prep Packet jellies & muesli bars
- Yr 1 Dry rice, pasta and toothpaste
- Yr 2 Porridge, Milo and toothpaste
- Yr 3 Tea Bags, small coffee, Toothbrushes
- Yr 4 Cans of- potatoes, corn and cakes of soap
- Yr 5- Packets of – pasta, sauces, dry soup and hair combs
- Yr 6 Vegemite, Cracker biscuits and roll-on deodorants

Father's Day Stall

This week we ran our Father's Day stall which was a huge success! A big thank you to our Patron Parent helpers and to Zoe Campbell for her assistance. All funds raised will go towards Caritas and the Catholic Mission Appeal.

Enjoy the rest of the week and look forward to seeing you at our Marymount Day liturgy on Friday.

Diane Anderson



**FATHER'S
DAY
STALL**



Patron Parents

All Yr 3 - Combined parent dinner - 7pm Fri 4 Sept -
Justin Lane, Banquet \$35 pp - RSVP Kim 0449969105
or Rosalie 0417 611 450 or Vanessa 0427 289 407

OR - Sat 12 September - 7.30pm @ Burleigh Heads
Hotel. RSVP -Danielle by Wed 9 Sept

A Note from the Guidance Counsellor

How to build up Frequent Father points

In our Insights article this week, Michael Grose writes that spending time alone with children builds confidence in dads. He states that it is "through shared activity and involvement in kids' lives that dads build up frequent father points. It is hard to build good connections with kids when you are not there!" Michael points out some health benefits for fathers who develop and maintain a healthy relationship with their children. Sole mothers are also encouraged to "take these ideas on-board to have a NO RULES weekend". Having a change of routine and activity provides children with the opportunity to see their parent in a different way.

Happy reading, and best wishes for the week ahead.

Mary Sanders
msanders@bne.catholic.edu.au

Curriculum News



Book Week Activities

Many thanks to our Prep teachers and classes for another wonderful Book Character Parade. Teachers, parents and students put a tremendous amount of effort into the costume designs and there were many beaming faces on display. It was a joy to see and I'm sure it will be a treasured memory.

Next year, the official judges of The Picture Book of the Year Award, may want to listen to the students of 3M. The critical readers of this class voted 'My Two Blankets' by Freya Blackwood as the winner of this category before the official announcement was made last Friday! If Mrs Cameron and Mrs Campbell suddenly go AWOL, we know their class have given them the nod about the Gold Lotto numbers. Here are some responses to text from this talented class:

My favourite short-listed Picture Book for 2015 was 'My Two Blankets'. I liked this book because there was a war in the little girl's country so she had to move to a new country. At first she missed home but by the end she had a new friend and liked her new home and country.
Kaleb Lynch

My favourite short-listed Picture Book for 2015 was 'Rivertime'. I liked this book because the boy and his uncle went camping. They saw lots of things and met Aboriginal people who taught them how to make rope. By the end, the boy discovered he didn't need his computer games and that he loved being outdoors.

Dylan Bexley

My favourite short-listed book was 'My Two Blankets'. I liked this book because it's all about friendship and what it feels like to be new in a different country.
Molly Wyatt

A complete list of all short-listed books from the Children's Book Council of Australia can be found at: <http://cbca.org.au/ShortList-2015.htm> (NB – some books are for mature readers)

Premier's Reading Challenge

Student record forms for this challenge need to be handed into me by Thursday 28th August. So far, 21 students from our Year 3 and 4 classes have received their certificates from the Premier acknowledging their reading efforts. Congratulations to – Dylan, Kiara, Joseph, Jesse, Mia, Holly, Olivia, Max, Thalia, Macey, Oliver, Lilybeth, Zane, Layla and Hunter from 3M and Gabriella, Harry Maya, Michael, Sophie and William from 4P.

A.B. Paterson Public Speaking Competition

Each year A.B. Paterson College holds a public speaking competition at their school for Years 4-6. The Year 4's don't compete for a prize but for the experience and this year, Year 4 heats are on Thursday 10th September. Years 5-6 heats are on Tuesday 13th October, with the finals on Wednesday 21st October. Public Speaking builds confidence in young people. It gives them a chance to improve their skills by listening to other speakers and speaking in front of an audience.

All the information on topics, dates and times for the event are on the A.B. Paterson College website: www.abpat.qld.edu.au

Kindly note that all nominations must be received by tomorrow: Thursday 27th August (NB – change of date for Years 5-6). Please complete the form below and return to Mrs Mitchell (Room C4) with \$6 entry fee. Thank you to the students who have already nominated – good on you!

I give permission for my child _____ Year _____

to enter the A.B. Paterson Public Speaking Competition. I understand I must transport my child to and from the event. I have enclosed the \$6 entry fee.

Parent's Name _____

Please print

**Public
Speaking**

Parent's Signature _____



Book



Week 2015

Sport News

Prep to Yr 2 Athletics Carnival Timetable

9.00am - Assemble for discussion of events and "March Past". (Children march in class groups).

PREP BOYS

- Activity 1 Hurdles
- Activity 2 High Jump
- Activity 3 Throws
- Activity 4 Sprints
- Activity 5 Ball Games
- Activity 6 Relays

PREP GIRLS

- Activity 2 High Jump
- Activity 3 Throws
- Activity 4 Sprints
- Activity 5 Ball Games
- Activity 6 Relays
- Activity 1 Hurdles



YEAR 1 BOYS

- Activity 3 Throws
- Activity 4 Sprints
- Activity 5 Ball Games
- Activity 6 Relays
- Activity 1 Hurdles
- Activity 2 High Jump

YEAR 1 GIRLS

- Activity 4 Sprints
- Activity 5 Ball Games
- Activity 6 Relays
- Activity 1 Hurdles
- Activity 2 High Jump
- Activity 3 Throws

YEAR 2 BOYS

- Activity 5 Ball Games
- Activity 6 Relays
- Activity 1 Hurdles
- Activity 2 High Jump
- Activity 3 Throws
- Activity 4 Sprints

YEAR 2 GIRLS

- Activity 6 Relays
- Activity 1 Hurdles
- Activity 2 High Jump
- Activity 3 Throws
- Activity 4 Sprints
- Activity 5 Ball Games

Lost Property (outside the Learning Enhancement Centre)

5 large sports jackets and 6 blue jackets of various sizes are now in the Bookshop.

These jackets have been in Lost Property for 3 weeks. They either have names of children who have left Marymount or no names. Please ensure that you mark your child's property (including lunch boxes) with their first and last name and class. If any items end up in the lost property basket with names on them, they will be returned to the child.

UNIFORM/BOOKSHOP

The Uniform Price List/Layby Form is attached with this newsletter.

It is also available on the school web site.

A review of uniform prices will be conducted at the end of November this year. It is expected some items may incur a price increase.

Any laybys placed now and collected by 1/3/16 will be honoured at the 2015 price.

Marymount College Reunions

Class of 1975, 1985, 1995 & 2005
 Saturday 12 September 2015
 3:30pm-6:00pm
 \$25 includes drinks & canapes
 bookings: www.trybooking.com/IVAQ
 Email: info@marymount.qld.edu.au
 for more information



SAUSAGE SIZZLE - WEDNESDAY 16 SEPTEMBER

Order forms will be sent out on Monday August 31. Cost is \$2.50.

Please return order forms and money to the Tuckshop by Wednesday September 9.



Thursday 27	Friday 28	Monday 31	Tuesday Sept 1	Wednesday 2
Volunteers needed	CLOSED	No help needed	No help needed	Kate & Mel

BURLEIGH HEADS CATHOLIC PARISH

Parish Office Hours 9.00am to 5.00pm 3 Sunlight Drive, Burleigh Waters (Postal PO Box 73, Burleigh Heads) Phone: 5576 6317/5576 6466 FAX: 5576 7143
 Parish Manager: Mr Jim Littlefield Parish Pastoral Team EMAIL: burleigh@bne.catholic.net.au
 Parish Pastor: Fr Ken Howell Associate Pastors: Fr Lucius Edomodi & Fr Stephen Camiolo

Parenting *ideas* INSIGHTS



Building parent-school partnerships

WORDS Michael Grose

Build up Frequent Father points

Michael Grose looks at the importance of topping up Frequent Father points, and the benefits for both dads and for kids.

A good friend enthusiastically told me how he was looking forward to spending a few days away on his own with his two kids, aged 10 and 13. He was feeling quite chuffed.

He was having some '**dad time**' with his kids.

Good on him!

He was doing some memory building & relationship building, as well as having some fun.

He told me that he was aware that his kids were getting older and he knew such opportunities were diminishing.

Gone are the days when the only relationship many men had with their kids was through their wife. She would explain him to the kids ('Your dad's very busy but he would love to see you play sport but he can't make it.') As well, she'd keep him up-to-date with the children's lives.

Blokes, it seems, are valuing the time they spend with their kids on their own.

Or at least the dads I mix with are. Spending time alone with kids is a great way to build confidence in dads.

And the kids usually just love it.

Mothers can play a role here by not getting in the way if their husband or partner wants a little time alone with kids. (Most mums I meet welcome this!)

Children usually associate their fathers with activity. When I ask children to tell me about their dads they usually talk about the things that they like to **do together** with their dads. Playing, walking, fishing, wrestling....the list goes on.

It's through shared activity and involvement in kids' lives that dads build up **frequent father points**. It's hard to build good connections with kids when you are not there!

Don't wait until adolescence

These relationships are best built in childhood, when kids just love their dads to bits and want to be around him. It gets trickier in adolescence, but having shared interests developed in childhood gives you a connection point during these sometimes-turbulent times.

Dads also benefit from spending time with their kids. Most health scales state a healthy relationship with their children is

a predictor of good health and longevity for men. I'm not sure where the health benefits come from, but I suspect there is something relaxing and de-stressing about getting into a child's space. There is a big kid inside most men just busting to get out.

These days we take parenting pretty seriously and it's easy to forget that one of the fundamentals of raising kids well is to spend some time in your child's space, doing stuff, or not doing stuff, whatever the case maybe.

So how are your (or your partner's) Frequent Father points going? If they need some topping up then you can start by doing something together that the kids enjoy. Having a bit of fun together is the best place to start.

Author's note: *Sole mums can take these ideas on-board to have a NO RULES weekend with your kids, where you have a change of routine and activity that can give kids the chance to see you in a different way.*

Michael Grose



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AFTER SCHOOL SWIM PROGRAM TERM 3 2015

Mini Squad & Squad Only

MONDAY 31st August 2015 – Wednesday 16th Sept.

Monday's & Wednesday's - \$8.00 per session
\$24.00 for a 3 week swim term - swimming once a week \$48.00 twice a week

Session times: **Mini Squad** (45min. session) 3.15pm – 4.00pm
 Squad (45min. session) 3.15pm – 4.00pm

*****PLEASE NOTE: No Learn to swim or Mini Squad1 in term 3*****

Term 3 swim program (pool will be heated) – Strength, Stroke & Swim, preparing for term 4 swim carnivals

Mini Squad (45 min. session) – Strength work, stroke correction, drills, & swimming fitness. Swimmers need to be competent to swim 25 meters freestyle and continually swimming 30-45mins.

Squad (45 min. session) – Strength work, swimming - drills & kicking. Swimmers need to be competent in all strokes and have good swim fitness.

Children will be placed in lanes appropriate to ability, please use the above as a guide to choose the correct class for your child.

All parents will receive an email confirmation & term 3 swim information.

**** Signed & Completed forms are required no later than WEDNESDAY 26th August. 2015****

Invoices will be posted out to all parents. Payment is calculated on a 3 weeks swim program.

For further information please contact Jenny Wood, Program coordinator.
Jennifer.Wood@bne.catholic.edu.au **OR** 0421 603 455



REGISTRATION FORM AFTER SCHOOL SWIMMING TERM 3 2015

Parent Name: Contact #:

Email: **Parent Signature:**

Squad (S)
Mini Squad (MS)
NO LEARN TO SWIM TERM 3

Child's Last Name	Child's First Name	Class	Day/s
(1)
(2).....
(3).....
(4).....

**Signed and completed forms must be returned by
WEDNESDAY 26th August, 2015
To: Accounts Department or your child's class**

Order Form/Price List 2015

Direct Phone: 5520 8410



Students Name:		Date:	
Parent Name & contact:		Student's Class:	
Item Description		Unit Price	Size
		Quantity	Total
Girls Blouse - Sizes 4 - 20		\$44.00	
Girls Skirt - Sizes 4 - 22		\$44.00	
Boys Shirt - Sizes 4 - 24		\$44.00	
Boys Ruggers - Sizes 4 - 24		\$34.00	
Sport Polo - Sizes 3 - 26 (unisex)		\$33.00	
Sport Short - Sizes 2 - 24 (unisex)		\$28.60	
Girls Skort - Sizes 4 - 16		\$35.20	
Jumper - Sizes 6 - 18		\$58.30	
SPORT			
House Polo - Katandra Sizes 2 - 18		\$25.00	
House Polo - Bulimah Sizes 2 - 18		\$25.00	
House Polo - Patanga Sizes 2 - 18		\$25.00	
House Polo - Allambee Sizes 2 - 18		\$25.00	
Athletic Singlet - Sizes 6 - 16		\$30.00	
Athletic Short - Sizes 26 - 36		\$28.00	
Fleecy Track Jacket - Sizes 4 - 18		\$44.00	
Fleecy Track Pant - Sizes 2 - 18		\$38.50	
Sport Jacket - Sizes 6 - 14; XS; S		\$72.00	
Sport Pants - Sizes 6 - 14; XS; S		\$44.00	
Girls Bathers - Sizes Girls 6 - 14 Ladies 10 - 12		\$40.00	
Boys Bathers - Sizes 4 - 14		\$26.40	
Swimming Cap (Lycra & Silicon) Please indicate which one		\$14.00	
Swimming Cap Latex - House Colours		\$4.40	
Goggles		\$25.00	
SOCKS/TIGHTS			
MMP Sock - Sizes 7-9, 10-12, 13-2, 3-5, 6-8, 9-11, 12-14		\$8.80	
Football Socks - Sizes 13-3, 2-8, 8-11		\$10.00	
Black Tights twin pack - Sizes 4-6, 7-10		\$16.50	
HATS			
Peak Cap		\$16.50	
Hat - Prep (Maroon) Prep Compulsory		\$16.50	
Hat - Year 1 - 7 (Navy)		\$16.50	
Sun Visor (Netball)		\$5.50	
BAGS			
Backpack - Small		\$44.00	
Backpack - Medium		\$55.00	
Backpack - Large		\$60.50	
Library Bag - Assorted colours		\$9.90	
Lunch Bag - Red/Green		\$8.80	
Swim Bag		\$13.20	
Music Bag		\$9.90	
Water Bottle		\$7.70	
Second Hand		Various	
ACCESSORIES			
Hair Accessories - various		Various	
PAYMENT BY CASH/EFTPOS/CREDIT CARD **PRICES SUBJECT TO CHANGE.		Total	
		Deposit Paid	
		Balance Owing	